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Via Fax: (571)273-8300

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

RESTRICTION ELECTION

This paper is filed in response to the restriction requirement mailed March 9, 2007.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that a somewhat similar restriction requirement was made a part of the final rejection mailed April 4, 2006. Applicant traversed the earlier restriction requirement and it is assumed that the earlier election was overcome.

Applicant's counsel would like to express his regret at missing the Examiner's phone call on March 6th concerning the present restriction requirement. In accordance with the dictates of the rules concerning properly responding to a restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the Invention of Group I (claims 1-5) of the present restriction requirement, with traverse.